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WSRC SELECTS MINI GRANT WINNERS

AIKEN, S.C., April 13 – The Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) Team from the Savannah River Site (SRS) has announced winners of its 2005 Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grants (see attached list of names and schools).

A team of WSRC employees reviewed 283 grant proposals submitted this year and—without knowledge of the applicant or school—selected 85 to receive funding totaling \$50,000. The Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grants Program recognizes and supports excellence in teaching by granting money to enhance public elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs, directly impacting students in the classroom.

Elementary and middle public school teachers from Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, Columbia and Richmond counties are eligible to apply for grants of \$500 (which represents an increase this year from \$350), \$750 or \$1,000. Since the program began in 1989, WSRC has awarded over \$676,300 to fund nearly 1,300 projects to over 1,400 teachers in the Central Savannah River Area.

The grants will be awarded at special ceremony to honor all applicants on Thursday, April 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., USC Aiken gymnasium, Student Activities Center.

The Excellence-In-Teaching Mini Grants Program is just one of several initiatives organized through WSRC's Education Outreach Programs Department and is funded by the Community Giving Program operated by WSRC and its partners, Bechtel Savannah River, Inc., BWXT Savannah River Company, BNFL Savannah River Corporation and CH2 Savannah River Company. The Community Giving Program supports community initiatives including education, health and welfare, civic and social activities and culture and the arts.

WSRC and its partners operate the SRS for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: News reporters are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. Over 200 Central Savannah River Area educators will be in attendance, many of whom have applied over the years and have benefited from these grants since their inception.